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# Climate Change Action Plan Update

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## **Climate Change Action Plan**



In 2021

#### TelstraSuper's three climate-related goals



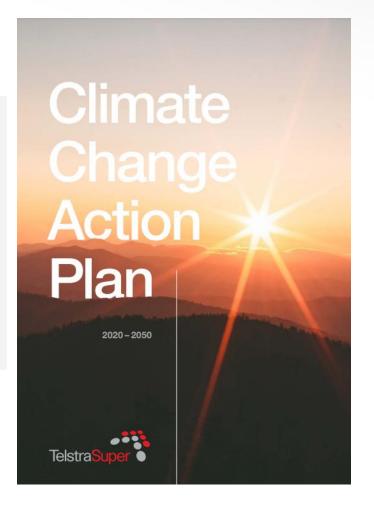
Achieve **net zero greenhouse gas emissions** by 2050, aiming for a 45% reduction (from 2020 levels) by 2030.



Build **portfolio resilience** to the physical impacts of climate change across asset classes.



**Proactively invest in opportunities** expected to be
net beneficiaries of the transition
to a net zero emissions world.



# A Five-Pillar Framework guides our actions





O2
Portfolio construction

O3

Mandate design & manager selection

O4
Engagement and stewardship

05 Disclosure

- Board & Investment Committee oversight and annual review
- 2. Investment Policy implementation
- 3. Incentive alignment
- 4. Resource commitment
- 5. Training & Competency requirement
- Implement net zero for own operations

- Undertake annual scenario analysis on climate risk
- 8. Implement portfolio construction initiatives to manage exposure
- 9. Invest in opportunities that will benefit from transition
- 10. Divest pure-play thermal coal producers
- 11. Review lower carbon passive benchmarks
- 12. Portfolio physical impact risk analysis

- Update external mandate guidelines
- 14. In-house management incorporates climate metrics
- 15. External manager selection criteria incorporates goals
- 16. External manager review process incorporates goals
- 17. Review managers that are not prepared or capable of committing to objectives

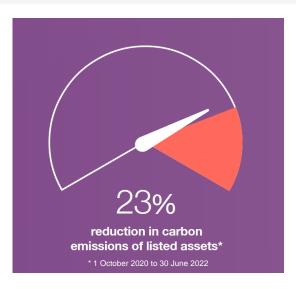
- 18. Engage with managers encouraging adoption of net zero goal
- Engage with highest risk companies directly and via CA100+
- 20. Participate in public policy advocacy (IGCC, ACSI, PRI)
- 21. Align proxy votes with expectations on climate plans
- 22. Engage with service providers to encourage adoption of net zero goal

- 23. Disclose in alignment with TCFD
- 24. Collaborate to improve disclosure and action participate in Climate League 2030
- 25. Incorporate actions and outcomes into member communication and engagement

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### **Key Achievements to date**





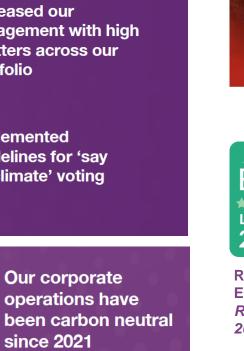




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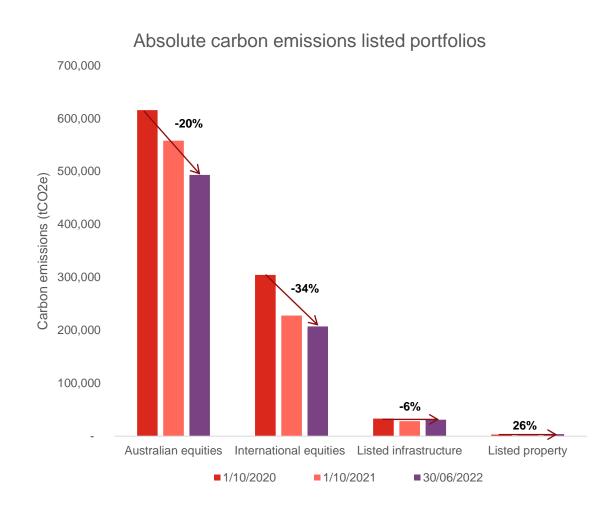
Rated a an **ESG** Leader by Rainmaker 2022 and 2023

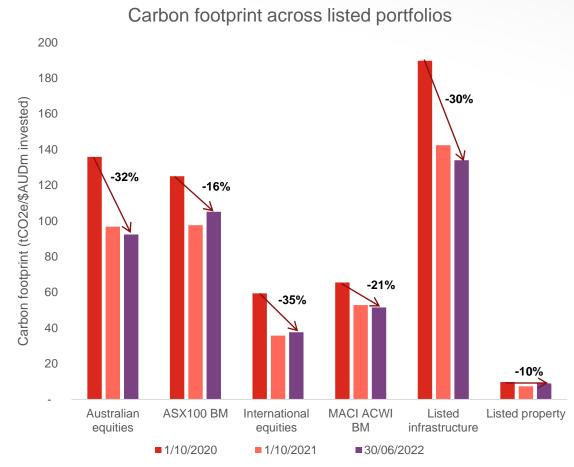


**Climate Change Action Plan selected** as a global case study by The **Investor Agenda** 

### TelstraSuper's Reduction in Carbon Profile of Listed Portfolios







# **TelstraSuper's Engagement with South 32**



TelstraSuper is a signatory to Climate Action 100+. The global initiative engages with 167 global companies, considered the world's heaviest carbon emitters, contributing over 80% of global industrial greenhouse gas emissions.

TelstraSuper is a supporting member of the Climate Action 100+ investor working group that engages with South32.

During 2022 and 2023 TelstraSuper engaged with South32 on several occasions to discuss the company's climate change action plan, which sets out South32's goals, approach and progress with respect to climate transition.

TelstraSuper recommended to South32 that it accelerate emissions reduction efforts before 2030.

We also encouraged South32 to provide more information about just transition planning for communities near their Worsley alumina and Hillside aluminium operations.

South32 shareholders voted on the company's Climate Change Plan at the 2022 annual general meeting. TelstraSuper voted in favor – which was consistent the 89.6% approval from shareholders





# TelstraSuper has invested \$150 Million in Climate-Related Opportunities. We have committed to invest \$250m by 2025.

Investments in Climate Transition	Funds Invested	Carrying Value
Climate Equities Fund A quantitative equities strategy where a key stock selection consideration is carbon footprint.	\$39m	\$50m
Apostle carbon market fund Apostle trades on carbon markets across Australia, UK, Europe, New Zealand and California. They play a role in creating active carbon markets, contributing to the global net zero movement.	\$25m	\$25m
Pimco California Carbon Credits Reduces global emissions by incentivising participants to reduce operational emissions. Directly contributes to SDGs with revenues generated by auctioning off CCAs re-invested into ESG-positive projects such as renewable energy, public transportation, recycling and affordable housing.	\$26m	\$26m
Tilt Renewables  Tilt Renewables is a partnership between the QIC Global Infrastructure Fund and its co- investors (including TelstraSuper), the Future Fund and AGL Energy Limited (AGL).  Tilt Renewables owns over 1.3 gigawatts (GW) of fully operational, renewable energy capacity across nine Australian wind and solar generation assets. There are a further 2.4GW of late- stage development projects, expected to be operational by 2027.	\$63m	\$63m
Total Investments at 30 June 2023	\$153m	\$164m

One of the key goals of the CCAP is to invest in assets that will be net beneficiaries of the energy transition.

Since 2021 TelstraSuper has invested over \$150m across the opportunities and infrastructure asset classes which to date has delivered a positive nominal return.

In December 2022, TelstraSuper committed to investing up to \$250m in assets that are expected to be net beneficiaries of climate transition by the end of 2025. These may be across any asset class and will target investment returns consistent with the asset class hurdles.

Our commitment to climate transition investment aligns with our support of the UN Sustainable Development goals. We think that the Apostle and Pimco Carbon credit funds and Tilt renewables investments contribute positively to the goals highlighted below.







# TelstraSuper has interests in a broad range of renewable assets through its externally managed infrastructure investments



#### Investments in renewable assets via externally managed infrastructure investments

#### Westlands Solar Park - CIM Group

TelstraSuper invests in the Westlands Solar Park (WSP), a large-scale renewable energy project in the United States. WSP has the potential to generate over 2,700 megawatts of clean energy, powering more than 1.2 million homes. The project, situated on reclaimed farmland in California's San Joaquin Valley, has undergone extensive environmental assessments and is recognized as a Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ).

CIM Group, the developer of WSP, aims to support local communities by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing the supply of clean energy, and creating new job opportunities.

#### Finerge - Igneo

Finerge, Portugal's second-largest renewable energy producer, operates 77 wind farms and 17 solar plants across Portugal and Spain, generating 3.5 GWh of clean electricity annually and reducing CO2 emissions by 1,149 kilotons.

Beyond energy projects, Finerge promotes innovative green technologies, fosters green and digital skills in academia.

#### **Atlas Renewable Energy – GIP Infrastructure Partners**

Atlas is a prominent player in Latin America's renewable energy sector, boasting 2.2GW of solar assets operational or under construction in Brazil, Chile, Mexico, and Uruguay, ranking as the region's second-largest renewables developer. The company primarily supplies renewable energy to large commercial and industrial clients through long-term agreements, fostering sustainability and economic development.

Atlas maintains a robust 6GW+ project pipeline in Latin America and Spain, signifying significant growth prospects.

Atlas has pioneered trends in Latin American markets, such as USD-denominated Power Purchase Agreements and inflation-linked PPAs.

Atlas has earned regional and global industry accolades and excels in environmental, social, and governance (ESG) practices. Its commitment to high ESG standards is evident through community outreach, a diverse workforce (with around 40% female employees) and engaging local communities in construction projects.

Since inception, Atlas's projects have prevented approximately 1.9 million tons of CO2 emissions.







#### **Future Focus**



- Engagement with investee companies on climate change planning and investment.
- Continued manager engagement on sustainability expectations.
- Undertake carbon footprint assessment for fixed income assets and continue to update other asset classes annually.
- In 2022, physical risk assessment was completed for infrastructure assets, in 2023 we are undertaking a review of the property asset class.
- Continue to seek opportunities across industries that will benefit from climate transition.





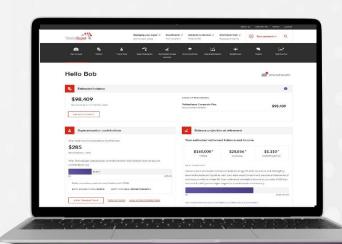
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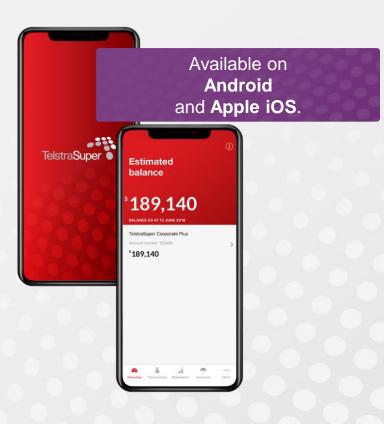
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